

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Oct. 1-7 is National 4-H Week in the United States; and

WHEREAS, more than 5 million youths take part in 4-H club programs nationwide; and

WHEREAS, 4-H is one of the largest youth development organizations in Louisiana with 172,490 youth involved in 4-H clubs and school enrichment programs; and

WHEREAS, 4-H in Louisiana claims 53,563 youth members in organized clubs and 6,492 adult volunteers; and

WHEREAS, 4-H is ranked fourth in total awareness among agencies serving youth in this nations; and

WHEREAS, 4-H Clubs conduct programs to help young people acquire knowledge, develop life skills and form attitudes that will help them become self-directing, productive members of society; and

WHEREAS, 4-H as part of the LSU AgCenter’s Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service is a program where youth learn together in all kinds of projects, events, and activities; and

WHEREAS, 4-H addresses issues facing youth wherever they live – in cities, suburbs and rural communities – and helps break down barriers by focusing on learning-by-doing; and

WHEREAS, 4-H in Louisiana has been conducting one of the premier character development programs in the country since 1996; and

WHEREAS, 4-H builds youths’ self-esteem, leadership and citizenship skills, communication skills, commitment to others, decision making, and focuses on critical issues such as protecting the environment; and

WHEREAS, 4-H has been helping youth and adults learn, grow, and work together in Louisiana since 1908; and

WHEREAS, 4-H has programs on food and nutrition, science and technology, natural resources, substance abuse prevention, growing plants, caring for farm animals, career education, community pride, citizenship and leadership; and

WHEREAS, members of 4-H strive to enrich their lives and the lives of others and to improve their communities through demonstrations, activities, competitions, and service, and their endeavors have earned respect from their communities and their state; and

WHEREAS, 4-H members in Louisiana have an opportunity to participate in statewide activities such as 4-H University, 4-H Summer Camp, Marsh Maneuvers, Wild Woods Wanderings, Challenge Camp, Citizenship Louisiana Focus; and

WHEREAS, exciting, fun and student-centered educational programs are available through school club meetings and parish 4-H school enrichment programs; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana and nationwide volunteers in 4-H donate countless hours and effort each year in preparing for and teaching youth.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim October 1-7, 2006, as

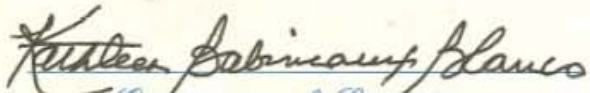
4-H WEEK
in the State of Louisiana.



Attest By
The Governor


Secretary of State

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set
my hand officially and caused to be affixed the
Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the
Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this*
the 21st day of September
A.D., 2006


Governor of Louisiana